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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of

Keizo Yamada

Serial No.: 09/865,528

Group Art Unit: 2829

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Examiner: Nguyen, Vinh P.

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE TEST METHOD AND
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE TESTER

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**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION AND
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2002, please consider the following:

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's Election of Species requirement, Applicant hereby elects the species of Species A (Figure 1) on which at least claims 1 and 14 are readable, without traverse. Applicant reserves the opportunity to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected species later.

Further, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's acknowledgment of the priority document filed on May 29, 2001.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A conditional petition is made for any extension of time which may become necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for such extension and to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,



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